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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, whose presence and power is revealed to the heart that longs for Your guidance, to the mind that humbly seeks Your truth, and to those who are united in oneness to serve You in a great cause, we ask that this time of prayer be an authentic experience of communion with You that issues into an inspiring conversation with You throughout the day.

We seek to receive Your presence continually, to think of You consistently, and to trust You constantly. We urgently need divine wisdom for our leadership of this Nation, and we have discovered that this only comes in a reliant relationship with You. Prayer enlarges our minds and hearts until they are able to be channels for the flow of Your spirit. You Yourself are the answer to our prayers.

As we move through this day, we seek to see each problem, perplexity, or person as an opportunity to practice Your presence and accept Your perspective and patience. We do not want to forget You, but when we do, interrupt our thoughts and bring us back into an awareness that You are waiting to bless us and equip us to lead with vision and courage. Thus, may our work be our worship this day.

In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able senior Senator from Alaska is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m. At 10 a.m., the Senate will immediately begin a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the State Department reorganization bill. The Senate will recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy conferences. If cloture is not invoked in the morning, a second cloture vote will begin at 2:15 p.m. immediately following the recess. If cloture is not obtained, the majority leader has indicated the Senate may resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill or begin consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill. Rollcall votes can, therefore, be expected throughout the session today.

Also, as a reminder, Members have until 10 a.m. this morning to file second-degree amendments to qualify postcloture and until the hour of 12:30 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments under the cloture procedure.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, The Senator from Ohio, Senator GLENN, is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes.

BENEFITS OF NASA-FUNDED RESEARCH

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, I rise today to begin a series of statements in which I want to outline some of the research and other scientific benefits derived from NASA-funded programs.

These are programs that have benefit, by and large, for every man, woman, and child in this country; indeed, for people all over the globe.

I note with pleasure that just recently, the House passed their appropriations bill regarding NASA's space station by a vote of 299 in favor and 126 against. That is well over a 2-to-1 margin. I hope we can match that in the Senate.

But every year in the Senate, when the time comes to consider the NASA budget, there are those doubters, there are those people who want to cut it. I do not want to see excess money going into NASA either, but I also think we need to step back once in a while and look at what we are talking about with regard to research.

If there is one thing this Nation should have learned throughout its history, it is that money spent on research usually has a way of paying off in the future beyond anything we can see at the outset. That is just as true with research in space as it is with research that we have done in other areas. Research by its very nature is not as amenable to cost accounting procedures as are some other programs. But that is why it is research: It is looking into the unknown, it is having inquiry into things we do not yet know about and do not yet know the value of. Yet, that has been at the heart of every bit of advance in science and technology that we have ever made as a nation.

Someone has to wonder, someone has to have a curiosity about what we do not know in a certain area, how can we do things better, what would happen if we knew the answer to a certain question. And they are willing to go out and do something about it. They are willing to exercise their wonderment, their curiosity. This Nation is just replete with examples of where that has been to our advantage.

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